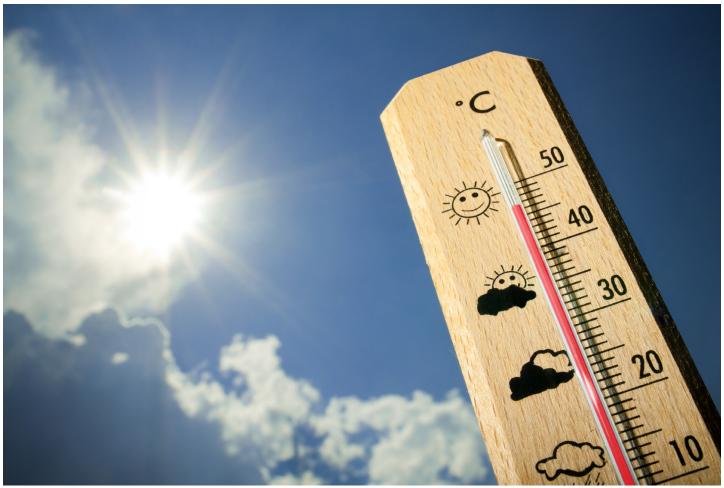


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Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management Issues Heat Wave Warning



A heat wave is blanketing the southwest and residents are encouraged to stay hydrated and remain indoors.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.—On July 6, the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management convened to discuss issuing a declaration of emergency in response to the excessive heat wave that is blanketing the southwest.

A forecast from the National Weather Service Flagstaff Office issued a heat warning from July 6 and 7 for Grand Canyon, Glen Canyon, Marble Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Yavapai County and Gila County.

The Navajo Nation was rated with a hazardous weather outlook by the NWS.

Residents are advised to wear wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, light colored clothing, and sunscreen.

Vice President Jonathan Nez encouraged tribal members to check

on elders and ensure they are safe and comfortable.

"Please take caution during the excessive heat wave and stay hydrated. If you don't have to be outdoors, it's recommended that you stay indoors until the weather passes," Vice President Nez said.

Herman Shorty, Commission on Emergency Management Chairman, said the possibility of issuing a declaration of emergency is currently under review.

"We will provide more information with regard to the emergency declaration as it becomes available," Shorty said.

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